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JOINT GAS EXPLORATION PROJECTS IN GUJARAT BY GAIL INDIA LTD. AND HPCL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) propose to undertake joint gas exploration projects in Gujarat and other States in the country;

(b) if so, the oil and gas bearing blocks identified for the purpose;

(c) the estimated storage of gas available there; and

(d) the progress made in this regard so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Exploration and Production Projects Co-operation and the same is being actively pursued.The MoU is comprehensive and not limited to Gujarat or any other state.
GAIL and HPCL are partners in 14 exploration blocks awarded under sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI) Out of these 14 blocks, 11 blocks are in deep water offshore, 1 Onland (Rajasthan), and 2 in Shallow water,Offshore (Mumbai).
The blocks in which the two companies have participating interest are in exploration stage and the quantum of Oil and Gas reserves will be known after exploration and appraisal subject to discovery.